

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 59, 61, and 63-66 as provided in the following Claims Listing.

Listing of the Claims:

1-58. (Canceled)

59. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a protein within a biodegradable polymerized macromer, said macromer comprising at least one water soluble region, at least one degradable region which is hydrolyzable under in ~~vivo conditions~~ vivo conditions, and polymerized end groups, wherein said polymerized end groups are separated by ~~at least one~~ said degradable region and wherein said composition contains at least 5% by weight of said protein.

60. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 59, wherein said water soluble region comprises poly(ethylene glycol).

61. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 59, wherein said ~~said~~ degradable region comprises a polyester.

62. (Previously Presented)The composition of claim 59, wherein said protein is bovine somatotropin, human growth hormone, granulocyte macrophage colony stimulating factor, insulin-like growth factor-I, insulin-like growth factor-II, an interferon, an antibody, or an immunoglobulin.

63. (Currently Amended)The composition of claim 62, wherein said protein is an antibody is selected from anti-HER, anti-VEGF, and anti-Tac antibodies.

64. (Currently Amended)The composition of claim 62, wherein said protein is an immunoglobulin is selected from immunoglobulin A, immunoglobulin D, immunoglobulin E, immunoglobulin G, and immunoglobulin M.

65. (Currently Amended)The composition of claim 62, wherein said protein is an interferon is selected from interferon alpha and interferon beta.

66. (Currently Amended)A composition comprising a peptide within a biodegradable polymerized macromer, said macromer comprising at least one water soluble region, at least one degradable region which is hydrolyzable under in ~~vivo~~conditions vivo conditions, and polymerized end groups, wherein said polymerized

end groups are separated by ~~at least one~~ said degradable region and wherein said composition contains at least 5% by weight of said peptide.

67. (Previously Presented)The composition of claim 66, wherein said water soluble region comprises poly(ethylene glycol).

68. (Previously Presented)The composition of claim 66, wherein said degradable region comprises a polyester.

69. (Previously Presented)The composition of claim 66, wherein said peptide is LHRH, glucagon like peptide-1, insulin, calcitonin, somatostatin, or GLP-1 amylin.